

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 15, 2013 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Officer Tony Stevens, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Supt. Larry Parrish,

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR March 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Mike Edwards was present to see request having the alley vacated between 330 E. Morgan and 370 E. Morgan. According to the Street Superintendent, the alley had already been vacated.

Next, Pete Withem requested that the streets in Thornridge be topped. He said he made this request about 3 years ago, and he believed it was approved. He would like to have the Town look into doing it again. Street Superintendent Parrish said he looks at streets each year and prioritizes them, and he does not think that Thornridge will get paved this year. Cynthia Hyde asked if we had agreed to this three years ago, and if we have, then we should go ahead and approve. The Clerk-Treasurer agreed to research this. Larry Parrish said he would get an updated estimate so we would know what the cost would be. *Update: After reviewing the minutes, it was determined that there was no approval given by the Board to do this.*

Next, Owen Valley Sports Complex, presented a request for an opening day parade from the complex to the courthouse on May 4th. Once it is approved by the Town, he will get permission from the State to go down 46. Cynthia reminded the Clerk-Treasurer that our form presently requested information such as social security number, and driver's license, and before these are distributed, that information needs to be blocked out. *Update: The parade was canceled this year.*

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the request from the Owen Valley Sports Complex for the May 4th Opening Day Parade, pending approval from the State. The motion was seconded and approved.

Next, American Legion Post 285 Women's Auxiliary requested to place ribbons around the square, possibly, possibly tied to the parking meters from approximately May 1st to Memorial Day in honor of veterans of foreign wars.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the Auxiliary to place ribbons on the parking meters, and around the square. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bob Stoner next requested that Abate of Indiana be allowed to hold their annual ride event on May 25th from 9am to noon. Registration will take place at Cooper Park, and then they will request that police block traffic so they can proceed. They are still working out details of the route.

Jon Stantz made a motion that Abate be allowed to hold their registration at Cooper Park, and coordinate the traffic with the police so they can have a safe exit for their ride. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next Jon Stantz updated the Board on the decision regarding the property located in Prospect Park discussed at the last meeting where two trailers were attempting to be set up in the flood zone. The owners claimed they were unaware of the requirements, at the time they purchased the property and trailers, and were unable to conform to the requirements. In order to resolve this, the Town has agreed to purchase the lots and the two trailers in the amounts of \$6,800 and the owners will retain the concrete boxes and two axles. Mr. Lorenz said that he would handle the closing at his office on Thursday.

Jon Stantz made a motion to purchase the two lots, along with the trailers located at 1149 and 1151 New Jersey Street for \$6,800.00. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce, with the comment that this purchase was only done to consolidate other properties which were part of the flood mitigation project to be turned into permanent green space. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Marshal Tony Stevens said they were working on a negotiation to allow them a share in the payment for accident reports that are requested online. Mr. Lorenz asked for time to look it over. There was nothing else to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing new to report.

George Thurston had a question about the status of the property located behind the Art Guild. Mr. Lorenz stated that particular piece of property will be handled by a Sheriff's auction and Mr. Lorenz will notify Mr. Thurston when that will occur, and what the opening bid will be.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish updated the Board on the request from Rev. McFadden regarding the placement of handicapped parking for Sunday only across the street from the United Methodist Church. He said he looked at the location, and it would not present a problem to designate four spaces for this.

Dean Bruce made a motion to authorize Larry Parrish to purchase four signs for handicapped parking, Sundays only, and install on N. Montgomery, across from the United Methodist Church. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Larry Parrish requested permission to substitute the purchase of 5 elm trees for 5 maple trees for replacement on tree plots. The board agreed to this substitution.

Next Larry Parrish said he had a request from a resident on N. Montgomery to remove a couple of sweet gum trees, primarily because of the gum balls and mess they create. Since the request was not from the owner, and they are not in the tree plots, the Board could not give permission to have them removed.

Next on the agenda was an offer to approve the purchase of the property adjacent to the street department.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve purchase of the property known as 523 W. Market Street, in the amount of \$29,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge updated the Board on the replacement of manholes and other matters. He also said that Wesley Bex hired Roto Rooter to clean lines, and the problem turned out to be the Town's. He was requesting that Mr. Bex be reimbursed for approximately \$390. Because the copy was not legible, the Board agreed to reimburse him, when he brought in the original for review and proof of payment.

A motion was made by Jon Stantz to approve reimbursement when the original bill and proof of payment is presented to the Clerk-Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Lorenz stated that he has the signed and recorded utilities easements from Winders and Stockwell.

IN THE MATTER OF Planning and Zoning

Vacant posts have been filled for the Planning and Zoning Boards. Mr. Lorenz stated there would be an organizational meeting on April 30th for both. Sean Bucy has agreed to accept the open position on the Planning Commission, and Margaret Tucker has accepted the open position on the Zoning Board. At this time, all positions have been filled.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Cynthia Hyde reported that Margaret Tucker resigned her position effective after the May meeting. It is a Township post, they will need to fill the position at that time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported on the Hoosier Energy project. They are in the process of acquiring the utility easements for the sewer line.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

In regards to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Project, there was no update as to whether we would need to get an extension. This will be followed up on by the Clerk-Treasurer and Mr. Lorenz. Bid information went out, and bid for demolition will be approved for at May 6th Town meeting.

Jon Stantz reported that Safe Routes to Schools is progressing, and the day after the elementary school closes for the summer, the work will begin. It should take 45 days to complete.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Cheryl Moke updated the Board on the meeting for the Employee health clinic being investigated by various companies in Spencer.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:30p.m.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer